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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new scheme of education to take care of drop- out children of schools is being launched;

(b) whether the Cabinet Committee has already cleared this scheme;

(c) if so, the details of the Scheme and the allocation of fund being made thereunder for the current year; and

(d) the steps taken so far to implement the Scheme at the State level?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir.

(c) : The programme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyanprovides for eight years of schooling for all children in the 6-14 age group by 2010. A large number of interventions for access, retention and quality have been provided under the programme to be based on community owned District Elementary Education Plans. Provision for Back to School Camps foout of school children and other drop outs has been included under the new scheme of Education Guarantee Scheme and Alternative and Innovative Education which is a part ofthe SSA framework. An allocation of Rs.500 crore for SSAand Rs.400 crore for EGS & AIE has been proposed in theBudget for 2001-2002.

(d) : The Ministry have released grants to 21 States/UTs forstarting preparatory activities in 134 districts under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. This Ministry has setup National LevelMission under the Chairmanship of the PrimeMinister vide Resolution dated 2.1.2001. States have beenrequested to formulate and submit District Elementary EducationPlan for sanction during the current financial year itself. Preparatory work for setting up of Education Guarantee Scheme and for Back to School Camps have also been initiated in the States.